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SUBJECT:SUHARTO'S HEALTH

1. PRESIDENT SUHARTO'S INABILITY FOR REASONS OF HEALTH TO ATTEND FUNERAL OF PRIME MINISTER RAZAK HAS UNDERScoreD RECENT REPORTS INDICATING THAT HE HAS A HEALTH PROBLEM OF SOME MAGNITUDE.
2. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY COMMENT ON THESE REPORTS AND, TO EXTENT POSSIBLE, EMBASSY ASSESSMENT OF PRESENT STATE OF PRESIDENT'S HEALTH.
3. WOULD ALSO LIKE EMBASSY'S CURRENT THOUGHTS ON SITUATION THAT WOULD ARISE IF PRESIDENT WERE TO UNDERGO PROLONGED PERIOD OF INCAPACITY OR WERE TO DEPART PREMATURELY FROM OFFICE. WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR VIEWS ON PROBLEMS OF SUCCESSION, ASSESSMENT OF POSSIBLE SUCCESSORS, ROLE OF VICE PRESIDENT HAMENGKU BUWONO, ETC. ADDITIONAL QUESTION YOU MIGHT ADDRESS IS PRESUMABLY ENHANCED LIKELIHOOD THAT SUHARTO WILL NOT SEEK FURTHER TERM IN 1978 EVEN IF HE REMAINS IN OFFICE UNTIL THEN. KISSINGER

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